[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Did the Inspector summon Mr. Kumaraswami Pillai and ascertain that he did not send the petition?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Inspector might have summoned him. I have no information. That is the only way of ascertaining that fact.

Appointment of Teachers.

37. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) What is the principle adopted in the appointment of teachers?

(*b*) If science or mathematics teachers are preferred, why is it that science and mathematics teachers are sent out from English schools to the vernacular branch as Assistant Inspectors, Training School Head-masters and Personal and Office Assistants.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The principle kept in view in the appointment of teachers is to meet the needs of the schools concerned.

(*b*) Science and mathematics graduates are preferred when science and mathematics hands are required. Science and mathematics teachers are also sent out from English schools as Assistant Inspectors, etc., because they belong to the same *cadre* as Assistant Inspectors, etc., and are sent out on executive duty according to the exigencies of the service and in the interests of the department. The Director of Public Instruction will, however, be requested to go into the question and see how far such transfers can be avoided.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is not preferential treatment given to mathematics and science graduates even when the teaching of science and mathematics is not absolutely necessary in a school?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): What kind of preference?

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): In the matter of appointments.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Is it meant recruitment?

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Yes.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is only when physics and mathematics hands are needed that they are taken.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): May I know why they are not given promotion in the mathematics and science branches instead of in the Malayalam and Sanskrit branches?

PRESIDENT: The answer is there.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) *Vide* part (*b*) of the answer.

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Women's College.

38. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that two lady graduates had applied for the Sanskrit Pandit's place in the Women's College this year and in the previous year;

(*b*) if so, whether they had not the same qualifications as the present Sanskrit Pandit of the college;

(*c*) whether the Government recognise the policy of appointing women teachers in place of men teachers in this college; and

(*d*) whether provision cannot be made for the present Sanskrit Pandit of the college elsewhere?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Only one lady graduate has applied for the place of Sanskrit Pandit in the Women's College.

(*b*) Both the applicant and the present pandit have taken the same degree in the same class. Government have no information as to their comparative fitness.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) This will be examined.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): May I ask why, if they recognise the policy of appointing women teachers in the Women's College, that policy was not given effect to in this particular case?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have said that the matter would be examined, in answer to part (*b*).

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Clause (*d*) of the question is "whether provision cannot be made for the present Sanskrit Pandit of the College elsewhere."

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That examination will have to be made with a view to see whether the present incumbent cannot be transferred elsewhere in order to make provision for the qualified lady graduate in question.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): May I ask whether there is not a condition in his appointment that he should give place to a woman graduate whenever one is available?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. All the appointments of men in the Women's College are provisional and these employees will have to give place to women whenever qualified women become available.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): May I know whether a lady graduate had applied for a Malayalam Tutor's place?

PRESIDENT: In the Women's College?

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[Mr. A. Hoogewerf.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. But that does not strictly arise.

PRESIDENT: That does not arise. We are referring only to the Sanskrit Pandit.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): May I know whether the appointment of this graduate will be considered at least in future?

PRESIDENT: The answer is already there.

Introduction of Spinning in Vernacular Schools.

39. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): With respect to the resolution passed in the Council on spinning in schools, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have introduced spinning in schools from the beginning of the current school year;

(*b*) if they have, the names and localities of the schools in which spinning has been introduced;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, whether they propose to introduce it in the course of this school year, and, if so, the names of such schools;

(*d*) whether that resolution did not contemplate the use of a cheap contrivance like the *charka*; and

(*e*) whether the Government have subsequently penalised the use of the *charka*?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The member is referred to the answer to the question put by Mr. Madhava Variar.*

(*d*) The member is referred to the Legislative Council Proceedings of the 17th January, 1924.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Was not the resolution of Mr. Madhava Variar passed in this Council one year ago?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes in 1099.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Then why was it not introduced at the time of the beginning of this year?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The necessary preliminaries had to be arranged. There was no budget provision.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Could not a supplementary demand have been made as in so many other matters?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The preliminaries were not ready.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): What were the particular preliminary items that were not ready?

* The question put by Mr. Madhava Variar and the answer thereto are embodied as appendix on page 157, the member being absent at question time.

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